

School community for their financial contributions and prayers in memory of this once vibrant former student.

IN HONOR OF THE WEST CARTER
GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM

HON. KEN LUCAS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 12, 2000

Mr. LUCAS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, today I congratulate some terrific young constituents from Kentucky's Fourth District, the girl's basketball team at West Carter High School. These small-town girls beat all the odds this season, bringing the state championship to Olive Hill, Kentucky, for the first time since the girls' team began at West Carter in 1974. It is also the first Sweet Sixteen win for the 16th region of northeastern Kentucky as well. I hope that this will be only the first of many championships for this community.

The Lady Comets set a wonderful example for young people all over Kentucky. Their hard work, dedication, and athleticism are evident, as are the many hours they spent in practice to earn the state title. I would like to take this opportunity to enter their names into the RECORD: Leah Frasier, Shelsa Hamilton, Cassandra Glover, Jenise James, Mandy Sterling, Megan Gearhart, Cathy Day, Kandi Brown, Shanna Shelton, Kayla Jones, Brooke Mullis, Nicki Burchett, Meghan Hillman, and Robin Butler. Kandi Brown was named the Tournament Most Valuable Player, and joining her on the All-Tournament Team were Megan Gearhart and Mandy Sterling.

I also salute Head Coach John "Hop" Brown who worked so hard for these young women, as well as the assistant coaches, Von Perry and Dana Smith. I also congratulate the people of Olive Hill who have strongly supported their team and so richly deserve this honor.

Mr. Speaker, this year's Sweet Sixteen set a record for attendance. over 40,000 people attended the four-day event, a record in the tournament's 39-year history. This bodes well for women's athletics in Kentucky, and it is good news for our daughters and granddaughters as well. I am pleased to commend these young women to the House of Representatives, and I couldn't express better than the words of one fan, who stated, "They're just a super bunch of girls."

HONORING DAN MISNER OF
WISCONSIN

HON. PAUL RYAN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, today I honor a true civic hero from Wisconsin's First Congressional District—Mr. Dan Misner. Dan Misner retired last month after dedicating 40 years of his life to public education in Walworth, Wisconsin.

Dan Misner grew up near Beloit, Wisconsin. He credits a dedicated high school teacher for

giving him the inspiration to go to college and enter the field of education. He was the first of seven children in his family to attend college and earn a degree.

Dan's teaching career started in 1959 at Big Foot High School, where he also coached the men's football, baseball and golf teams. Within ten years, he ascended to the position of Director of Instruction for the Big Foot Area Schools Association. In addition, he also served as the principal of Fontana High School. He concluded his four decades in public education by serving two terms on the Big Foot School Board, including one term as president of the board.

When asked what motivated his interest in education, Dan replied that it was his passion for knowledge and children. Dan's commitment to children and education serves as an inspiration to us all. He is truly a role model for anyone seeking a career in teaching. I am honored to recognize him for his contributions in improving the lives and education of children in Wisconsin's First Congressional District.

In his retirement, Dan plans to continue his volunteer work and spend more time with his family. I wish Dan Misner and his family the best of success and thank him for his dedicated service to his community.

IN HONOR OF HERMAN SPERO

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, today I honor Herman Spero, the Executive Producer of UPBEAT an "American Bandstand" type television show produced in Cleveland, OH.

April 13, 2000 will be considered UPBEAT Day in Cleveland. On this day, the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum will be unveiling their third in a series of their Rock and Roll Landmarks at WEWS TV, where UPBEAT was taped every Saturday night from 1964–1971. The show was syndicated in over one hundred cities and featured every major recording artist from the rock, jazz, and the rhythm and blues world. UPBEAT featured the first ever TV appearance of Simon & Garfunkle as well as the last appearance of Otis Redding. Other famous acts appearing in UPBEAT included the Beatles and the Rolling Stones.

We all know that it takes an immense amount of passion, hard work and dedication to make dreams come true. We are grateful to Mr. Spero for having an overwhelming amount of all three. He was instrumental to the success of Rock and Roll and had a historical role in its development. When the history of Rock and Roll is written, Herman Spero will have a fitting and appropriate mention. Herman Spero, through his unique combination of vision, common touch, and entertainment flair, is certainly deserving of this well-earned recognition.

I ask you, fellow colleagues, to join me in honoring a Cleveland legend, Herman Spero, who has given the city yet another reason why it is the Rock and Roll Capitol of the World.

A TRIBUTE TO MRS. DORIS
SMALLWOOD

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Doris Smallwood, a dedicated teacher with 36 years of experience in the Philadelphia School System. Unfortunately for us, Mr. Speaker, this year marks the last in which she will be educating our children at the Hunter School. Her retirement at the end of this school year deserves recognition not only for the longevity which her career achieved, but for the special impact she has had on the students and teachers she has encountered over the years. As Mrs. Smallwood moves to the next chapter of her life, it is incumbent upon us to reflect back and praise her for the extraordinary service she has provided to our community.

Mrs. Smallwood has been called a "teacher's teacher" by her peers. As an exemplary instructor of the 3rd grade with a keen interest in math, it was not uncommon to find Mrs. Smallwood conducting math lessons for her fellow teachers after school. Her dedication to mathematics resulted in the development of assessment standards which ensured that teachers were up to par in that field. Mrs. Smallwood, in effect, raised the bar for qualifications of teachers and did this solely out of her innate desire to better educate our youth.

Mrs. Smallwood prepared her students for the world to come not through rudimentary lesson plans, but through an engaging relationship that spanned beyond the classroom walls. When the technology boom occurred, it was Mrs. Smallwood who developed the grant to provide a computer lab for the Hunter School. It is no wonder that it was also she who became Technology Specialist after earning her certification in technology at the college level. Her proficiency in computers allowed for Internet training of Mentally Gifted students and for basic computer training of kids starting as early as kindergarten. Furthermore, Mrs. Smallwood understood the important link between home and school. She has been instrumental in the design and success of the Parent Partnership Program which prepares both parent and child for the transition from home to the school community.

The citizens of Philadelphia will sorely miss the heart-felt dedication that Mrs. Smallwood displayed during her tenure as a teacher with the Hunter School. She has defended the belief that all students can and will learn. She has also proclaimed that the only barrier to success is indifference, something she has never allowed herself or those around her to experience. She is a master teacher who has perfected her craft yet continues to choose learning as an avenue to life. She truly is, in every essence of the word, a teacher. We can only hope that others will emulate her commitment to excellence and her pursuit for the educational advancement of all students.